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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities, in line 7, substitute "is" with --to be--. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

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- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLorme et al. (US 5,948,040) (hereinafter referred to as 'DeLorme') in view of McMahon et al. (US 5,789,732) (hereinafter referred to as 'McMahon').

DeLorme teaches computerized, online, interactive Travel Reservation Information Planning Systems (TRIPS) that engage with end-user hardware platforms including a handheld personal digital assistant (PDA). A user may purchase tickets using TRIPS and download the tickets and various special offers related to the purchased tickets including coupons, maps, and directions onto the PDA. TRIPS may be used to generate "ticketless travel" utilizing a smart card (col. 13, line 31-col. 16, line 59; and col. 21, lines 27-57).

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DeLorme lacks the teaching of the electronic ticket optically communicated to a ticket receiving unit.

McMahon teaches a consumer data device (CDD) that may be considered a portable data storage and retrieval device that consumers can use to replace paper transactions and exchanges of information. The CDD enables numerous methods and concepts to replace coupons, rainchecks, and product information. An LCD display 30 on the CDD displays bar codes that are read by a bar code scanner (col. 1, line 55-col. 2, line 5). Redemption of the coupon would occur at the POS, with the POS system interrogating the CDD for stored coupon information. An alternative method of communication between the CDD and POS would be optically (col. 4, lines 26-35).

One of ordinary skill in the art would have readily recognized that substituting the "ticketless travel" of McMahon with the teaching of the electronic ticket optically communicated to the ticket receiving unit would have been beneficial for eliminating the need for the user to carry any other object necessary for travel besides the handheld communications unit itself.

Therefore, it would have been obvious, at the time the invention was made, to modify the teachings of DeLorme with the aforementioned teachings of McMahon to simplify the method of purchasing and enabling tickets.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wang (US 6,175,922) teaches electronic transaction systems and methods thereof.

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Tagi (US 6,473,790) teaches a network system for serving information to a mobile terminal apparatus.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamara A. Franklin whose telephone number is 703-305-0128. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G Lee can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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